

## REMARKS

The indication that claims 7 - 19 and claims 8 - 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, as set forth in the office action, is acknowledged. Additionally, the Examiner is thanked for the courtesy extended applicants attorney during the telephone discussions concerning the rejections under 35 USC 112.

By the present amendment, in addition to canceling the claims directed to a non-elected invention, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and without prejudice to the right to filing a divisional application directed thereto, claims 7, 8 and 19 have been amended to clarify features of the present invention in a manner which is considered to place such claims in compliance with 35 USC 112, such that applicants submit that all claims present in this application should be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, and considered allowable.

As to the rejection of claims 7 - 11 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph with regard to the claim language of "detecting a location of the insulating substrate relative to an irradiation position of the laser light for every shift of the insulating substrate of predetermined distance in the shifting direction", such rejection is traversed. Reference is made to the paragraph bridging pages 23 and 24 of the specification, which describes that the glass substrate 1 is irradiated with laser light 18, and the laser light 18 is irradiated to a desired spot at a pulse while the stage 2 is being shifted in an X, Y plane as illustrated in Fig. 1. As further described, by detecting a focusing position with an automatic focusing optical system, which is not shown, radiation is enable to be directed to the focusing position all the time, and control is implemented such that the focusing position is in agreement with the glass substrate 1 all the time by driving the stage 2. Thus, applicants submit that the

specification at such portion and other portions of the specification provide support for the recited features of claim 7 and the dependent claims with respect to the feature of "detecting". In this regard, applicants note that the decision of In re Wright, 9 USPQ 2d. 1649 (Fed. Cir. 1989), points out that it is not necessary that the claimed subject matter be described in the exact words as utilized in the specification in order for the specification to satisfy the description requirement of 35 USC 112. Accordingly, applicants submit that the rejection of claims 7 - 11 under 35 USC 112; first paragraph, should now be overcome.

As to the rejection of claims 7 - 11 and 19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph with respect to the language of "band-like", by the present amendment, independent claims 7 and 19 have been amended to utilize the term "band shape" noting that support for such terminology is found under the heading "Field of the Invention" at page 1 of the specification, wherein it is indicated that crystal grains are expanded into a substantially band-like shape, noting that the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification also utilizes the term "shape" with respect to the crystal grains. It is noted that in a discussion with the Examiner, the Examiner appeared to indicate that terminology of "band shape" would be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Thus, by the present amendment, such terminology has been utilized in both independent claims 7 and 19, such that independent claims 7 and 19 and the dependent claims should be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

With respect to claim 8, claim 8 has been amended to correspond to the terminology of parent claim 7 in relation to the terminology of "shifting" wherein the terms "movement" and "moving" have been amended to "shifting". Thus, claim 8 should be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Also, based upon the discussion with the Examiner, claim 19 has been amended in a manner similar to that of claim 7 in reciting the feature of "detecting a location ..." while utilizing the terminology of "moving" rather than "shifting" as utilized in claim 7. Thus, all claims should be considered to be in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

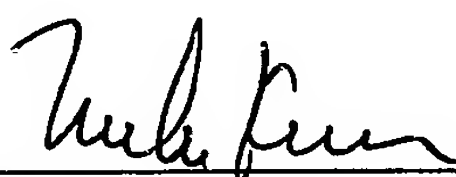
In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 7 - 11 and 19, applicants submit that in view of the above amendment, all claims present in this application, should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that submitted herewith is an information disclosure statement and consideration of the documents presented is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1113.42986X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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